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Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Are they in charge of mechanics or maistris ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The Assistant Industrial Engineer is in charge of these drills."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Are they put in charge of maistris ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Sometimes ; not always. The Assistant Industrial Engineer is supposed to be in charge of them."

Working of power drills.

* 138 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of power drills now on hand with them for sinking bore-holes ;

(b) how many of them are in working order ; and

(c) how many of them again are provided with any, and if so, what spare parts for use in an emergency more especially in the form of bell-screws, horn sockets, slip sockets, tools to bore true holes ?

A.—(a) Twenty.

(b) All the twenty are in working order.

(c) Information has been called for.

Utilization of bore-holes for irrigation purposes.

* 139 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the average quantity of water per minute available from the bore-holes sunk in Bellary district ; and

(b) whether the Government have demonstrated the possibility of successful utilization of the bore-holes for irrigation purposes ?

A.—(a) & (b) Information has been called for.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know if the information has been received ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" No."

Borings done in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 140 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many borings have been done in Malabar and South Kanara ;

(b) how many of these have been reported to have been successful ; and

(c) in which districts boring has proved a success and where it has been found to be a failure ?

A.—The information has been called for.

Public Works

Increase of the pay and prospects of draughtsmen.

* 141 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons why the Government have increased the pay and prospects of draughtsmen (third and second grade) in this Presidency ; and